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CASE NO.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY RETIREMENT
SYSTEM and OKLAHOMA LAW
ENFORCEMENT RETIREMENT SYSTEM,
Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly
Situated,

Plaintiffs,

CLASS ACTION

vs.

GMX RESOURCES INC., KEN L. KENWORTHY,
JR., JAMES A. MERRILL, JEFFERIES &
COMPANY, INC., HOWARD WEIL
INCORPORATED, MORGAN KEEGAN &
COMPANY, INC., CAPITAL ONE SOUTHCOAST,
INC., COLLINS STEWART LLC, PRITCHARD
CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC, TUDOR,
PICKERING, HOLT & CO. SECURITIES, INC.,
MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH
INCORPORATED, BBVA SECURITIES INC.,
FORTIS SECURITIES LLC, WEDBUSH MORGAN
SECURITIES INC., CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES
(USA) LLC and SMITH CARNEY & CO., P.C.,

Defendants.

PETITION

Plaintiffs, Northumberland County Retirement System and Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System ("Plaintiffs"), allege the following based upon the investigation of Plaintiffs' counsel, which included, among other things, a review of defendants' public documents, conference calls and announcements, United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") filings, wire and press releases published by and regarding GMX Resources Inc. ("GMX" or the "Company") and securities analysts' reports and advisories about the Company.

NATURE OF THE ACTION AND OVERVIEW

1. This is a class action on behalf of purchasers of the common stock of GMX, who purchased or otherwise acquired their GMX common stock pursuant or traceable to the Company's stock offerings on or about July 17, 2008, May 13, 2009 and October 22, 2009 (collectively, the "Offerings"), seeking to pursue remedies under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act").

2. GMX is a "pure play" independent oil and natural gas exploration and production company, which is focused on the development of unconventional Haynesville/Bossier Shale and Cotton Valley Sands in the Sabine Uplift of the Carthage, North Field of Harrison and Panola counties of East Texas. The Company states that it is a "pure play" company because materially all of its business is devoted to drilling for and producing oil and natural gas in one core area.

3. On or about July 17, 2008, the Company completed an equity offering (the "July 2008 Offering"). Pursuant to this offering, the Company sold 2,300,000 shares of GMX common stock to investors at a price of \$70.50 per share, for gross proceeds of \$162,150,000.

4. On or about May 13, 2009, the Company completed a second equity offering (the "May 2009 Offering"). Pursuant to this offering, the Company sold 5,750,000 shares of GMX common stock to investors at a price of \$12.00 per share, for gross proceeds of \$69,000,000.

5. On or about October 22, 2009, the Company completed a third equity offering (the "October 2009 Offering"). Pursuant to this offering, the Company sold 6,950,000 shares of GMX common stock to investors at a price of \$15.00 per share, for gross proceeds of \$104,250,000.

6. The offering materials for each of the above Offerings contained materially untrue statements with respect to the accuracy and integrity of GMX's financial statements, as well as the adequacy of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting.

7. Admitting that the Offering materials were untrue at the time of their issuance, on March 11, 2010, the Company disclosed that its full year 2008 and quarterly 2009 financial statements were incorrect and needed to be restated. The Company also cautioned investors that "such financial statements should no longer be relied upon."

8. As detailed by the Company's March 11, 2010 press release, GMX restated its financial statements to correct "for the method used to record its previous full cost pool impairment charges, other impairment charges and related deferred income taxes that adjusts the Company's earnings under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for the year ended 2008 and for the first three quarters of 2009." As a result of these "adjustments," the Company's restated net loss for fiscal year 2008 was \$124.6 million as compared to the originally reported \$81.7 million. Additionally, the Company reported a net loss of over \$185 million for fiscal year 2009.

9. The Petition alleges that the defendants made untrue statements and material omissions during the relevant time period as they failed to disclose or indicate that: (1) the Company had incorrectly accounted for full cost pool impairment and other impairment charges; (2) the Company had incorrectly accounted for deferred income taxes; (3) the Company's financial statements were not prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"); (4) the Company lacked adequate internal and financial controls; (5) as a result, the Company's financial statements contained untrue statements and material omissions at

all relevant times; and (6) as a result of the foregoing, the Company's Offering materials contained untrue statements when issued.

10. As a result of defendants' untrue statements and material omissions, Plaintiffs and other Class Members suffered damages.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

11. The claims asserted herein arise under and pursuant to Sections 11, 12(a)(2), and 15 of the Securities Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 77k and 77o).

12. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to Section 22 of the Securities Act. 15 U.S.C. § 77v. This action is not removable from this Court. *See id.*

13. Venue is proper in this Court because a substantial portion of the transactions and wrongs complained of herein, including the defendants' participation in the wrongful acts detailed herein, occurred in this County. Additionally, many of the defendants, including GMX, either reside in or maintain an executive office in this County.

PARTIES

14. Plaintiff, Northumberland County Retirement System ("Northumberland") purchased GMX securities in or traceable to the Offerings. Northumberland is a public pension fund of over 1,350 current and retired employees of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania and manages assets of approximately \$85 million.

15. Plaintiff, Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System ("OLERS") purchased GMX securities in or traceable to the Offerings. OLERS administers retirement/survivor retirement and medical benefits for members of the law enforcement profession of the state of Oklahoma and their families, and manages assets of approximately \$600 million.

16. Defendant GMX is an Oklahoma corporation with its principal executive offices located at One Benham Place, 9400 North Broadway, Suite 600, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

17. Defendant Ken L. Kenworthy, Jr. ("Kenworthy") was, at all relevant times, the Company's President, Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"), and Chairman of the Board of Directors.

18. Defendant James A. Merrill ("Merrill") was, at all relevant times, the Company's Chief Financial Officer ("CFO").

19. Defendants Kenworthy and Merrill are collectively referred to hereinafter as the "Individual Defendants."

20. Defendant Jefferies & Company, Inc. ("Jefferies") was an underwriter of the Company's July 2008 Offering, May 2009 Offering, and October 2009 Offering.

21. Defendant Howard Weil Incorporated ("Howard Weil") was an underwriter of the Company's July 2008 Offering and October 2009 Offering.

22. Defendant Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc. ("Morgan Keegan") was an underwriter of the Company's July 2008 Offering.

23. Defendant Capital One Southcoast, Inc. ("Capital One") was an underwriter of the Company's July 2008 Offering, May 2009 Offering, and October 2009 Offering.

24. Defendant Collins Stewart LLC ("Collins Stewart") was an underwriter of the Company's July 2008 Offering.

25. Defendant Pritchard Capital Partners, LLC ("Pritchard") was an underwriter of the Company's July 2008 Offering and October 2009 Offering.

26. Defendant Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co. Securities, Inc. ("Tudor Pickering") was an underwriter of the Company's July 2008 Offering.

27. Defendant Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (“Merrill Lynch”) was an underwriter of the Company’s May 2009 Offering.

28. Defendant BBVA Securities Inc. (“BBVA”) was an underwriter of the Company’s May 2009 Offering.

29. Defendant Fortis Securities LLC (“Fortis”) was an underwriter of the Company’s May 2009 Offering.

30. Defendant Wedbush Morgan Securities Inc. (“Wedbush Morgan”) was an underwriter of the Company’s May 2009 Offering.

31. Defendant Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC (“Credit Suisse”) was an underwriter of the Company’s October 2009 Offering.

32. Defendants Jefferies, Howard Weil, Morgan Keegan, Capital One, Collins Stewart, Pritchard, Tudor Pickering, Merrill Lynch, BBVA, Fortis, Wedbush Morgan and Credit Suisse are collectively referred to hereinafter as the “Underwriter Defendants.” The Underwriter Defendants assisted in the preparation and dissemination of the offering materials for GMX’s Offerings that are the subject of this action.

33. Defendant Smith, Carney & Co., p.c. (“Smith Carney”) was, at all relevant times, the Company’s registered public accounting firm.

SUBSTANTIVE ALLEGATIONS

Background

34. GMX is a “pure play” independent oil and natural gas exploration and production company, which is focused on the development of unconventional Haynesville/Bossier Shale and Cotton Valley Sands in the Sabine Uplift of the Carthage, North Field of Harrison and Panola counties of East Texas.

35. Between July 2008 and November 2009, the Company conducted three public equity offerings, resulting in the Company receiving approximately \$335 million in gross proceeds. In connection with each of these offerings, the Company filed offering materials, which stated certain financial and operational information for investors. The offering documents also incorporated additional information by reference.

**The Company's Offering Documents
Contain Materially Untrue Statements**

July 2008 Offering

36. On or about July 17, 2008, the Company completed an equity offering (the "July 2008 Offering"). In connection with the July 2008 Offering, the Company filed with the SEC a Prospectus on June 25, 2008 and a Prospectus Supplement on July 18, 2008 (dated July 17, 2008) (collectively, the "July 2008 Offering Materials"). Pursuant to the July 2008 Offering, the Company sold 2,300,000 shares of GMX common stock to investors at a price of \$70.50 per share. The July 2008 Offering resulted in the Company receiving gross proceeds of \$162,150,000.

37. The July 2008 Offering was underwritten by the following Underwriter Defendants:

	Number of Shares
Jefferies & Company, Inc.	1,500,000
Howard Weil Incorporated	110,000
Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc.	110,000
Capital One Southcoast, Inc.	70,000
Collins Stewart LLC	70,000
Pritchard Capital Partners, LLC	70,000
Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co. Securities, Inc.	70,000

Total	2,000,000*
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(* Not including the exercised overallotment option of an additional 300,000 shares)

38. The July 2008 Offering Materials incorporated certain information by reference, including the Company's 2007 Annual Report. The Company's 2007 Annual Report stated, among other things, that the Company maintained adequate internal controls:

MANAGEMENTS ANNUAL REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, we evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in Internal Control — Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on that evaluation, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2007, as reflected in our report included in Item 8.

Smith, Carney & Co., p.c., our independent registered public accounting firm, audited internal control over financial reporting and, based on that audit, issued the report set forth in Item 8.

* * *

Our system of internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Our internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of our assets; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that our receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of our management and directors; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

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Based on the assessment, our management has concluded that we maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007, based on criteria in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by COSO. Our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007, has been audited by Smith, Carney & Co., p.c., an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report which is included herein.

39. The Company's 2007 Annual Report also included a report from Smith Carney, the Company's registered public accounting firm, which represented that GMX's financial statements for fiscal 2007 "present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of GMX Resources Inc. and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2007...."

40. The July 2008 Offering Materials also stated that the Company had evaluated its internal controls and maintained adequate internal controls:

We have evaluated our internal controls systems to allow management to report on, and our independent auditors to audit, our internal controls over financial reporting. We have performed the system and process evaluation and testing required to comply with the management certification and auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. We have not identified control deficiencies under applicable SEC and Public Company Accounting Oversight Board rules and regulations that remain unremediated. As a public company, we are required to report, among other things, control deficiencies that constitute a "material weakness" or changes in internal controls that, or that are reasonably likely to, materially affect internal controls over financial reporting. A "material weakness" is a significant deficiency or combination of significant deficiencies that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the annual or interim consolidated financial statements will not be prevented or detected. The report by us of a material weakness may cause investors to lose confidence in our consolidated financial statements, and our stock price may be adversely affected as a result. If we fail to remedy any material weakness, our consolidated financial statements may be inaccurate, we may face restricted access to the capital markets and our stock price may be adversely affected.

May 2009 Offering

41. On or about May 13, 2009, the Company completed a second equity offering (the "May 2009 Offering"). In connection with the May 2009 Offering, the Company filed with the SEC a Prospectus on June 25, 2008 and a Prospectus Supplement on May 14, 2009 (dated May

13, 2009) (collectively, the “May 2009 Offering Materials”). Pursuant to the May 2009 Offering, the Company sold 5,750,000 shares of GMX common stock to investors at a price of \$12.00 per share. The May 2009 Offering resulted in the Company receiving gross proceeds of \$69,000,000.

42. The May 2009 Offering was underwritten by the following Underwriter Defendants:

	Number of Shares
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated	3,000,000
Jefferies & Company, Inc.	850,000
Capital One Southcoast, Inc.	850,000
BBVA Securities Inc.	100,000
Fortis Securities LLC	100,000
Wedbush Morgan Securities Inc.	100,000
Total:	5,000,000*

(* Not including the exercised overallotment option of an additional 750,000 shares)

43. The May 2009 Offering Materials also incorporated certain information by reference, including the Company’s 2007 Annual Report and its “consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2007 and 2008, and for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, respectively.” In this regard, the May 2009 Offering Materials stated:

The following documents we filed with the SEC pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”) are incorporated herein by reference: ... our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, filed with the SEC on March 14, 2008;

* * *

Our consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2007 and 2008, and for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, respectively, incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement have been audited by Smith, Carney & Co., p.c., an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report appearing in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended

December 31, 2008, and have been so included in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

44. As detailed above, the Company's 2007 Annual Report, filed with the SEC on March 14, 2008 and incorporated by reference into the May 2009 Offering Materials, stated that the Company maintained adequate internal controls. The 2007 Annual Report also included a report from Smith Barney, the Company's registered public accounting firm, which represented that GMX's financial statements for fiscal 2007 "present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of GMX Resources Inc. and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2007...." These statements are the exact same statements as those contained at ¶¶ 38 and 39, *supra*.

45. Additionally, the May 2009 Offering Materials stated that the Company had evaluated its internal controls, and that it maintained adequate internal controls:

We have evaluated our internal controls systems to allow management to report on, and our independent auditors to audit, our internal controls over financial reporting. We have performed the system and process evaluation and testing required to comply with the management certification and auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. We have not identified control deficiencies under applicable SEC and Public Company Accounting Oversight Board rules and regulations that remain unremediated. As a public company, we are required to report, among other things, control deficiencies that constitute a "material weakness" or changes in internal controls that, or that are reasonably likely to, materially affect internal controls over financial reporting. A "material weakness" is a significant deficiency or combination of significant deficiencies that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the annual or interim consolidated financial statements will not be prevented or detected. The report by us of a material weakness may cause investors to lose confidence in our consolidated financial statements, and our stock price may be adversely affected as a result. If we fail to remedy any material weakness, our consolidated financial statements may be inaccurate, we may face restricted access to the capital markets and our stock price may be adversely affected.

46. The May 2009 Offering Materials also included summary consolidated financial data for, *inter alia*, the year ended December 31, 2008 and the 2009 first quarter (ended March

31, 2009). The May 2009 Offering Materials reported a net loss for the year ended December 31 2008 of \$82.9 million, and also provided the following additional financial information:

(In thousands, except per share amounts)	Year Ended December 31,	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2008 (As Adjusted)	2008	2009
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	31,744	6,743	9,716
Impairment of oil and natural gas properties	151,629	—	183,728
Total expenses	220,679	14,266	199,382
Income (loss) from operations	(94,943)	12,933	(176,556)
Income (loss) before income taxes	(108,629)	9,498	(180,788)
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	(25,666)	3,251	(56,354)
Net Income (loss)	(82,963)	6,247	(124,434)
Net Income (loss) applicable to common stock	\$(87,588)	\$5,091	\$(125,590)
Earnings (loss) per share – Basic	\$(6.16)	\$0.38	\$(8.18)
Earnings (loss) per share – Diluted	\$(5.74)	\$0.38	\$(8.15)
Weighted average common shares – Basic	14,216,466	13,277,679	15,354,680
Weighted average common shares – Diluted	15,255,239	13,401,372	15,403,517
Oil and natural gas properties, net	\$433,114	\$359,954	\$307,365
Total assets	573,671	156,707	513,729

(Internal references omitted)

October 2009 Offering

47. On or about October 22, 2009, the Company completed a third equity offering (the “October 2009 Offering”). In connection with the October 2009 Offering, the Company filed with the SEC a Prospectus on June 25, 2008 and a Prospectus Supplement on October 26, 2009 (dated October 22, 2009) (collectively, the “October 2009 Offering Materials”). Pursuant to the October 2009 Offering, the Company sold 6,950,000 shares of GMX common stock to

investors at a price of \$15.00 per share. The October 2009 Offering resulted in the Company receiving gross proceeds of \$104,250,000.

48. The October 2009 Offering was underwritten by the following Underwriter Defendants:

	Number of Shares
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC	3,544,500
Jefferies & Company, Inc.	2,432,500
Capital One Southcoast, Inc.	625,500
Howard Weil Incorporated	173,750
Pritchard Capital Partners, LLC	173,750
Total:	6,950,000

49. The October 2009 Offering Materials also incorporated certain information by reference, including the Company's 2007 and 2008 Annual Reports and GMX's "consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2007 and 2008, and for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, respectively." In this regard, the October 2009 Offering Materials stated:

The following documents we filed with the SEC pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") are incorporated herein by reference: ... our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, filed with the SEC on March 14, 2008;

* * *

Our consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2007 and 2008, and for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, respectively, incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement have been audited by Smith, Carney & Co., p.c., an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in its report appearing in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, and have been so included in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

50. As detailed above, the Company's 2007 Annual Report, filed with the SEC on March 14, 2008 and incorporated by reference into the October 2009 Offering Materials, stated that the Company maintained adequate internal controls. The 2007 Annual Report also included a report from Smith Barney, the Company's registered public accounting firm, which represented that GMX's financial statements for fiscal 2007 "present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of GMX Resources Inc. and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2007...." These statements are the exact same statements as those contained at ¶¶ 38 and 39, *supra*.

51. Additionally, the October 2009 Offering Materials stated that the Company had evaluated its internal controls, and that it maintained adequate internal controls:

We have evaluated our internal controls systems to allow management to report on, and our independent auditors to audit, our internal controls over financial reporting. We have performed the system and process evaluation and testing required to comply with the management certification and auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. We have not identified control deficiencies under applicable SEC and Public Company Accounting Oversight Board rules and regulations that remain unremediated. As a public company, we are required to report, among other things, control deficiencies that constitute a "material weakness" or changes in internal controls that, or that are reasonably likely to, materially affect internal controls over financial reporting. A "material weakness" is a significant deficiency or combination of significant deficiencies that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the annual or interim consolidated financial statements will not be prevented or detected. The report by us of a material weakness may cause investors to lose confidence in our consolidated financial statements, and our stock price may be adversely affected as a result. If we fail to remedy any material weakness, our consolidated financial statements may be inaccurate, we may face restricted access to the capital markets and our stock price may be adversely affected.

52. The October 2009 Offering Materials also presented the Company's financial information for, *inter alia*, the year ended December 31, 2008, and for the first two quarters of fiscal 2009. The October 2009 Offering Materials reported a net loss for the year ended December 31, 2008 of \$82.9 million, and also provided the following additional financial information:

(In thousands, except per share amounts)	Year Ended December 31,	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008 (As Adjusted)	2008	2009
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	31,744	14,456	16,553
Impairment and other writedowns	151,629	—	186,517
Income (loss) from operations	(94,943)	33,819	(171,695)
Income (loss) before income taxes	(108,629)	26,732	(180,883)
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	(25,666)	8,426	(48,285)
Net income (loss)	(82,963)	18,306	(132,598)
Net income (loss) applicable to common stock	(87,588)	15,993	(134,911)
Earnings (loss) per share—Basic	(6.16)	1.20	(8.06)
Earnings (loss) per share—Diluted	(5.74)	1.14	(8.03)
Weighted average common shares—Basic	14,216,466	13,290,504	16,746,112
Weighted average common shares—Diluted	15,255,239	14,037,223	16,791,133
Oil and natural gas properties, net	\$433,114	\$420,226	\$334,432
Total assets	573,671	535,728	529,963

(Internal references omitted)

53. The statements contained in ¶¶ 38 – 40, 44 – 46 and 50 – 52 were untrue statements and omitted material facts at the time the statements were issued. Specifically, the defendants made untrue statements and material omissions as they failed to disclose or indicate that: (1) the Company had incorrectly accounted for full cost pool impairment and other impairment charges; (2) the Company had incorrectly accounted for deferred income taxes; (3) the Company's financial statements were not prepared in accordance with GAAP; (4) the Company lacked adequate internal and financial controls; (5) as a result, the Company's financial statements contained untrue statements and material omissions at all relevant times; and

(6) as a result of the foregoing, the Company's offering materials contained untrue statements when issued.

GMX Admits That The Offering Documents Included Untrue Statements

54. On March 11, 2010, the Company issued a press release which stated "GMX Resources Inc. Announces Restatement of Year End 2008 and Quarterly 2009 Earnings, Reports Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2009 Financial and Operating Results and Declares Quarterly Cash Dividend on Its 9.25% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock." The press release stated, in relevant part:

Restatement of Year End 2008 and Quarterly 2009 Earnings

GMXR is correcting a non-cash charge for the method used to record its previous full cost pool impairment charges, other impairment charges and related deferred income taxes that adjusts the Company's earnings under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for the year ended 2008 and for the first three quarters of 2009. In addition, the Company has adjusted its previously reported GAAP diluted loss per share for such periods to remove the effects of dilutive securities in calculating diluted loss per share. *As a result of these adjustments, the Company's restated net loss for the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$124.6 million as compared to the originally reported \$81.7 million* (net loss of \$83.0 as adjusted for the retrospective adoption of a change in accounting for the Company's 5.00% Convertible Notes). The restatement changes are reflected in the amounts and financial statements included in this press release. The prior errors were determined during the preparation and independent audit of the Company's December 31, 2009 financial statements. *Based on the errors in the 2008 year-end and 2009 quarterly financial statements, the Company's Audit Committee concluded on March 10, 2010, that such financial statements should no longer be relied upon.*

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(in thousands, except for per share amounts)	Three Months Ended December 31,			
	2009		2008	
	(unaudited)		(as adjusted and restated)	
	Amount	Per share	Amount	Per share
Net loss applicable to GMXR shareholders	\$(49,311)	\$(1.90)	\$(153,978)	\$(10.04)
Adjustments:				

Impairment of oil and natural gas properties, net of taxes of \$65,501 for 2008	50,072	1.87	127,149	8.28
Deferred income tax valuation allowance	---	---	26,075	1.70
Unrealized (gain) loss derivatives net of taxes of \$120 for 2008	(457)	(0.02)	234	0.01
Loss on extinguishment of debt	4,976	0.19	---	---
Adjusted net income (loss) applicable to GMXR shareholders	\$5,280	\$0.20	\$(520)	\$(0.04)

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GMXR reported net loss applicable to GMXR shareholders of \$185.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 as compared to 2008's annual net loss applicable to GMXR shareholders of \$129.3 million. Results for 2009 and 2008 included impairment charges of \$188.1 million and \$192.7 million, respectively, related to the Company's oil and natural gas properties. Non-GAAP adjusted net income (loss) available to GMXR shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2008 and 2009, adjusting for such items as unrealized derivative gains and losses, impairment charges on oil and natural gas properties and a loss on extinguishment of debt is as follows:

	Year Ended December 31, 2009			
	2009		2008	
			(as adjusted and restated)	
	(unaudited)			
	Amount	Per share	Amount	Per share
Net loss applicable to GMXR shareholders	\$(185,264)	(9.17)	\$(129,262)	(9.09)
Adjustments:				
Impairment on oil and natural gas properties, net of taxes of \$65,501 for 2008	188,150	8.96	127,149	8.36
Deferred income tax valuation allowance	—	—	26,075	1.71
Unrealized (gain) loss on derivatives net of taxes of \$120 for 2008	2,370	0.11	234	0.02
Loss on extinguishment of debt	4,976	0.24	—	—
Bad debt expense, net of taxes of \$254 in 2008	486	0.02	494	0.03
Adjusted net income (loss) applicable to GMX shareholders	\$10,718	0.53	\$24,690	1.62

(Internal references omitted)

55. On March 16, 2010, the Company filed its 2009 Annual Report with the SEC on Form 10-K. The Form 10-K further restated the Company's financial results for fiscal year 2008, and quarterly results for the fiscal quarters ended December 31, 2009, March 31, 2009, June 30, 2009 and September 30, 2009 as follows:

The effects of the restatement on the 2008 and 2009 unaudited quarterly financial data are as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended December 31, 2008			
	As Previously Reported	Corrections	Adjustments	As Adjusted and Restated
Income Statement				
Impairment of oil and natural gas properties	\$151,629	\$41,021	\$ —	\$192,650
Interest expense	3,086	—	194	3,280
Income (loss) before income taxes	(149,830)	(41,021)	(194)	(191,045)
(Provision) benefit for income taxes	38,784	(560)	—	(38,224)
Net income (loss)	(111,046)	(41,581)	(194)	(152,821)
Net income (loss) applicable to common shareholders	(112,202)	(41,581)	(194)	(153,977)
Earnings (loss) per share—basic	(7.31)	—	—	(10.04)
Earnings (loss) per share—diluted	(7.27)	—	—	(10.04)
Weighted average common shares—diluted	15,425,855	—	—	15,341,546

	March 31, 2009		
	As Previously Reported	Corrections	As Restated
	(Amounts in thousands, except share and per share data)		
Balance Sheet			
Oil and natural gas properties based on the full cost method, net of accumulated depreciation, depletion and impairment	\$307,365	\$(5,662)	\$301,703
Property and equipment, at cost, net	88,492	11,147	99,639
Deferred income tax assets	62,651	(62,651)	—
Total assets	513,729	(57,166)	456,563
Deferred income tax liabilities	8,725	(8,725)	—
Accumulated deficit	(183,492)	(48,441)	(231,933)

Total liabilities and equity	513,729	(57,166)	456,563
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	For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2009		
Income Statement			
Impairment of oil and natural gas properties	\$183,728	\$(45,650)	\$138,078
Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	9,716	(856)	8,860
Income (loss) before taxes	(180,788)	46,506	(134,282)
(Provision) benefit for income taxes	56,354	(53,926)	2,428
Net income (loss)	(124,434)	(7,420)	(131,854)
Net income (loss) applicable to common shareholders	(125,590)	(7,420)	(133,010)
Earnings (loss) per share—basic	(8.18)	—	(8.66)
Earnings (loss) per share—diluted	(8.15)	—	(8.66)
Weighted average common shares—diluted	15,403,517	—	15,354,680

	June 30, 2009		
	As Reported	Corrections	As Restated
	(Amounts in thousands, except share and per share data)		
Balance Sheet			
Oil and gas properties based on the full cost method, net of accumulated depreciation, depletion and impairment	\$334,432	\$2,241	\$336,673
Property and equipment, at cost, net	94,155	6,229	100,384
Deferred income tax assets	56,928	(56,928)	—
Total assets	529,963	(48,458)	481,505
Deferred income tax liabilities	8,118	(8,118)	—
Accumulated deficit	(192,814)	(40,340)	(233,154)
Total liabilities and equity	529,963	(48,458)	481,505

	For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2009		
Income Statement			
Impairment of oil and natural gas properties	\$2,789	\$(2,789)	\$ —
Depreciation, depletion, and	6,837	(196)	6,641

amortization			
Income (loss) before taxes	(95)	2,985	2,890
(Provision) benefit for income taxes	(8,069)	5,116	(2,953)
Net income (loss)	(8,164)	8,101	(63)
Net income (loss) applicable to common shareholders	(9,321)	8,101	(1,220)
Earnings (loss) per share—basic	(0.52)	—	(0.07)
Earnings (loss) per share—diluted	(0.51)	—	(0.07)
Weighted average common shares—diluted	18,132,849	—	18,093,208

	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2009		
Income Statement			
Impairment of oil and natural gas properties	\$186,517	\$(48,439)	\$138,078
Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	16,553	(1,052)	15,501
Income (loss) before taxes	(180,883)	49,491	(131,392)
(Provision) benefit for income taxes	48,285	(48,810)	(525)
Net income (loss)	(132,598)	681	(131,917)
Net income (loss) applicable to common shareholders	(134,911)	681	(134,230)
Earnings (loss) per share—basic	(8.06)	—	(8.02)
Earnings (loss) per share—diluted	(8.03)	—	(8.02)
Weighted average common shares—diluted	16,791,133	—	16,746,112

(Internal references omitted)

56. The March 16, 2010 Form 10-K also provided the following additional financial information for fiscal year 2008 (ended December 31, 2008) and 2009 (ended December 31, 2009):

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2008 (as adjusted)	2009
(in thousands, except share and per share data)		
Statement of Operations Data:		
Impairment of oil and natural gas properties	192,650	188,150
Total expenses	261,700	251,392
Income (loss) from operations	(135,964)	(157,098)

Total non-operating income (expense)	(13,686)	(23,401)
Income (loss) before income taxes	(149,650)	(180,499)
(Provision) benefit for income taxes	25,013	33
Net income (loss)	(124,637)	(180,466)
Net income attributable to non-controlling interest	—	173
Net income (loss) applicable to GMX Resources	(124,637)	(180,639)
Net income (loss) applicable to GMX Resources common shareholders	\$(129,262)	\$(185,264)
Earnings (loss) per share—basic	\$(9.09)	\$(9.17)
Earnings (loss) per share—diluted	\$(9.09)	\$(9.17)
Weighted average common shares—basic	14,216,466	20,210,400
Weighted average common shares—diluted	14,216,466	20,210,400
Statement of Cash Flows Data:		
Cash provided by operating activities	\$83,237	\$49,490
Cash used in investing activities	(318,360)	(181,324)
Balance Sheet Data (at end of period):		
Oil and natural gas properties, net	\$383,890	\$331,329
Total assets	525,001	519,638
Long-term debt, including current portion	224,342	190,278
Total GMX Resources equity	243,743	243,947
(Internal references omitted)		

57. Additionally, the March 16, 2010 Form 10-K detailed management's report on GMX's internal controls as follows:

In March 2010, we identified a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting due to management's improper application of generally accepted accounting principles resulting in corrections to our previously reported December 31, 2008 consolidated financial statements and the first three quarters of 2009. Management failed to timely detect and correct errors relating to the improper application of generally accepted accounting principles in determining our full cost pool impairment charges, other impairment charges, and related deferred income taxes. Management also failed to timely detect and correct errors as a result of improperly including dilutive securities in our computation of diluted loss per share. After considering the impact of

these corrections, management and the audit committee of our Board of Directors *concluded that our December 31, 2008 consolidated financial statements should be restated as presented in this Form 10-K and that a material weakness exists in our internal control over financial reporting related to the improper application of generally accepted accounting principles.* The errors were determined during the preparation and independent audit of our December 31, 2009 financial statements. As a result, management has concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was not effective as of December 31, 2009.

As a consequence of the material weakness identified above, our management has implemented a plan to reassign certain duties within the financial reporting department to ensure executive financial management has sufficient resources to properly research new and existing accounting guidance on a regular basis. Management believes this process will result in a more efficient internal control structure and effectively remedy the material weakness identified above. (Emphasis added)

58. The notes to the consolidated financial statements, filed with the Form 10-K on March 16, 2010, also contained the following statement:

NOTE B—CORRECTION OF ERRORS

The Company concluded that its previously issued financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008, and the quarters ended March 31, June 30, and September 30, 2009, respectively, contain errors.

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The following financial statement line items in the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2008 were adjusted to correct the errors:

GMX Resources Inc. and Subsidiaries
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December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009

	As reported	Adjustments due to Correction of Errors	As Restated for Correction of Errors
		(in thousands)	
ASSETS			
Oil and natural gas properties, based on the full cost method			
Properties being amortized	\$608,865	\$(8,203)	\$600,662
Accumulated depreciation, depletion and impairment	\$(211,785)	\$(41,021)	\$(252,806)

Property and equipment, at cost, net	\$85,284	\$8,203	\$93,487
Deferred income taxes	\$11,519	\$(11,519)	\$ —
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Current liabilities			
Deferred income tax	\$(6,996)	\$(6,996)	\$ —
Equity			
Accumulated deficit	\$(56,652)	\$(45,544)	\$(102,196)
Expenses:			
Impairment of oil and natural gas properties	\$151,629	\$41,021	\$192,650
Income (loss) from operations	\$(94,943)	\$(41,021)	\$(135,964)
(Provision) benefit for income taxes	\$24,980	\$(4,523)	\$20,457
Net income (loss)	\$(81,713)	\$(45,544)	\$(127,257)
Net income (loss) applicable to common shareholders	\$(86,338)	\$(45,544)	\$(131,882)
Earnings (loss) per share – basic	\$(6.07)	\$(3.21)	\$(9.28)
Earnings (loss) per share – diluted	\$(5.66)	\$(3.62)	\$(9.28)

(Internal references omitted)

PLAINTIFFS' CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

59. Plaintiffs bring this action as a class action pursuant to 12 Okl. St. § 2023 on behalf of a Class, consisting of all those who purchased or otherwise acquired GMX's common stock pursuant or traceable to the Company's July 2008 Offering, May 2009 Offering and October 2009 Offering, and who were damaged thereby (the "Class"). Excluded from the Class are defendants, the officers and directors of the Company, at all relevant times, members of their immediate families and their legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns and any entity in which defendants have or had a controlling interest.

60. The members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. The disposition of their claims in a class action will provide substantial benefits to the parties and the Court. According to the Offering Materials, the Company sold 2.3 million shares of GMX stock to investors in the July 2008 Offering, 5.75 million shares of GMX stock to

investors in the May 2009 Offering, and 6.95 million shares of GMX stock to investors in the October 2009 Offering. These shares of GMX stock are owned by thousands of persons.

61. There is a well-defined community of interest in the questions of law and fact involved in this case. Questions of law and fact common to the members of the Class which predominate over questions which may affect individual Class members include:

- (a) Whether the Securities Act was violated by defendants;
- (b) Whether defendants omitted and/or made untrue statements of material facts;
- (c) Whether Offering materials statements omitted material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and
- (d) The extent of damage sustained by Class members and the appropriate measure of damages.

62. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of those of the Class because Plaintiffs and the Class sustained damages from defendants' wrongful conduct.

63. Plaintiffs will adequately protect the interests of the Class and have retained counsel who are experienced in class action securities litigation. Plaintiffs have no interests which conflict with those of the Class.

64. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy.

FIRST CLAIM

**Violation of Section 11 of The Securities Act
Against All Defendants**

65. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained above as if fully set forth herein.

66. This count is predicated upon Defendants' liability for making untrue statements in the July 2008 Offering Materials, May 2009 Offering Materials, and October 2009 Offering Materials (collectively, the "Offering Materials"). The Underwriter Defendants' liability under this Count is limited only to the Offerings they underwrote as set forth above. *See supra*, ¶¶ 37, 42, 48.

67. This claim is asserted by Plaintiffs against all Defendants by, and on behalf of, persons who acquired shares of the Company's securities pursuant to or traceable to the Offering Materials issued in connection with the Company's July 2008 Offering, May 2009 Offering, and October 2009 Offering.

68. This claim is brought within one year after discovery of the untrue statements and omissions in the Offering Materials and within three years of the effective date of the Offering Materials.

69. By virtue of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and the other members of the Class are entitled to damages from the defendants and each of them, jointly and severally (to the extent the Defendants participated in the Offerings).

SECOND CLAIM

**Violation of Section 12(a)(2) of The Securities Act
Against GMX and the Underwriter Defendants**

70. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained above as if fully set forth herein.

71. This count is predicated upon GMX and the Underwriter Defendants' liability for making untrue statements in the prospectuses used in connection with the Offerings. The Underwriter Defendants' liability under this Count is limited only to the Offerings they underwrote as set forth above. *See supra*, ¶¶ 37, 42, 48.

72. The defendants named in this count were sellers, offerors, and/or solicitors of purchasers of the shares offered pursuant to the prospectuses used to complete the Offerings listed herein.

73. This action is brought within three years from the time that the securities upon which this Count is brought were sold to the public, and within one year from the time when Plaintiffs discovered or reasonably could have discovered the facts upon which this Count is based.

THIRD CLAIM

**Violation of Section 15 of The Securities Act
Against the Individual Defendants**

74. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained above as if fully set forth herein only.

75. As set forth herein, GMX violated Section 11 of the Securities Act by issuing securities based on Offering Materials containing untrue statements and omissions of material facts. As the issuer, GMX faces strict liability for its violations of Section 11.

76. The Individual Defendants, by virtue of their positions and specific acts were, at the time of the wrongs alleged herein and as set forth herein, controlling persons of GMX within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act.

77. The Individual Defendants had the power and influence and exercised the same to cause GMX to engage in the acts described herein.

78. By virtue of the conduct alleged herein, the Individual Defendants are liable for the aforesaid wrongful conduct and are liable to Plaintiffs and the Class for damages suffered.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for relief and judgment, as follows:

- (a) Determining that this action is a proper class action under 12 Okl. St. § 2023;
- (b) Awarding compensatory damages and equitable relief in favor of Plaintiffs and the other Class members against all defendants, jointly and severally, for all damages sustained as a result of defendants' wrongdoing, in an amount in excess of the amount required for diversity jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332 to be proven at trial, including interest thereon;
- (c) Awarding Plaintiffs and the Class their reasonable costs and expenses incurred in this action, including counsel fees and expert fees; and
- (d) Such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.


JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury.

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